

Ruth 4

It is now when we see Boaz, in submission to a closer kinsmen, willing to do his duty out of love and honor. It is the same way Christ, in submission to His Father, is willing and able to do His duty out of love and honor.

Boaz Redeems Ruth

1 Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. 3 Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. 4 So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." 6 Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

If Boaz forerunner to Jesus, Naomi as Israel and Ruth as Gentiles, then...

In order to bring Ruth to Boaz, Naomi had to be exiled

What law cannot do, grace can

Not acceptable to marry a Moabite but Ruth's heart was turned. Boaz marries her anyway

7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. 8 So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. 9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. 10 Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day."

Removing sandals was also a way to show humility and respect to a higher authority. God as the Burning Bush (more than likely Jesus himself where he declares both here and during his trial 'I Am') to Moses "Remove your sandals for you are standing on holy ground. Captain of the Lord's Armies (more than likely Jesus because He is the one who commands the Lord's armies in the Revelation of Jesus Christ) tells Joshua, "Remove your sandals for you are standing on holy ground."

How interesting is it that Jesus bends down to his disciples and remove their sandals in order to wash their feet?

Sandal switching

Kinsman can't do it

Boaz is kin, able to perform, willing to perform and assumes all the responsibility.

Jesus is

kin - John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

willing to perform - John 3:16 loved us that much

able to perform - 2 Cor 5:21 who knew no sin

assumes all obligations - 2 Cor 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin, Phi 2:8 human even to death upon the cross

11 Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, 12 and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the Lord will give you by this young woman."

Again, blessing others.

May your house be like Perez - Prophecy

Genesis 38: Tamar tricks Judah to have incest with her

Perez is the child

Deut 23:2 "No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of his descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord.

Takes ten generations to purge: 10 generations after Perez is David.

Why was Boaz, upstanding, worthy, man of God would have a heart for this Gentile woman.. a Moabite?

Boaz's mom: Rahab, Canaanite prostitute

What law cannot do, grace can

Gentiles does not replace Israel

Ruth doesn't replace Naomi

They have two different paths

Romans 2:9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.

Ruth learns of Boaz's ways through Naomi

Gentiles learns of Jesus through Israel

Gentiles through Israel: Deut 7:7-9

Israel through Gentiles:

Naomi meets Boaz through Ruth

Israel will know Christ through Gentiles

Luke 21:24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

No matter how much Boaz loved Ruth, he could not move until she made a move

No matter how much Christ loves you, he cannot move until you make a move

By law, stranger had to go to the nearer kinsman for to be redeemed
By grace, Boaz went to the nearer kinsman and make intercession for us
Jesus goes to the Father to make intercession for us:

John 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Romans 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Gentiles get grafted in: Romans 11:11->

Gentiles get the attention: Acts 13:46

Ruth and Boaz Marry

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Do we begin life or is all life that is begun is conceived by God on High?

14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! 15 He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

Once again, blessings for others and praying for others.

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. 17 And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Go back to the Naomi in Chapter 1. Do you honestly think that Naomi had enough faith and hope in God to even imagine this day. The day where she is back home in Israel, with her family, with her friends, with her grandchild resting in her arms?

When we go through immense tragedy, are we any better at looking upon God and trusting him? In the midst of loss and tragedy we can peer

The Genealogy of David

18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, 20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Read at the the day of Shavout (God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai)
Closure to festivities during and after Passover
Fifty days after Passover
We call it Pentecost i.e. the birth of the Church.

How funny is it that the Book of Ruth, where we see parallels to Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit, Israel and the Gentiles which leads the birth and nurturing of the Church (Israel and Gentiles together) is read at the day of the Shavout or our day of Pentecost.